

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Indigenous production of polio vaccine in the country is not yet achieved to meet the needs of the country. However, the country has oral polio vaccine blending facilities from imported bulk.

(c) A project to manufacture Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) indigenously has been taken up by Govt. of India in 1987. A public sector company namely 'Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Corporation Limited (BIBCOL)' has been incorporated under the Companies Act. The company is setting up a Manufacturing cum R&D Unit to produce 100 million doses of OPV per annum at Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh. The civil construction of the plant and accessory facilities is nearing completion. Indigenous production by this unit would commence during 1992.

Facilities are also being created at Haffkine Biopharmaceuticals Corporation Limited, Bombay for indigenous production of OPV. This unit will have a capacity of 30-50 million doses per annum.

Marketing of Drugs without Approval

4495. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL
KATHERIA:
DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of drugs and formulations are being manufactured and marketed in the country without valid approval;

(b) if so, the particulars of the drug companies found guilty in this regard during 1991 so far; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No such violation of (D & R) Act by drug manufacturers has come to the notice of the Department.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Flour Mills in Karnataka

4496. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roller flour mills in Karnataka;

(b) the total quantity of wheat required by these roller flour mills every month;

(c) the quantity of wheat allotted to each roller flour mill from January, 1991 to the end of October, 1991;

(d) whether there is cut in the supply of wheat to these roller flour mills;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the Government propose to allot the required quantity of wheat to these roller flour mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Roller Flour Milling Industry was de-licensed in 1986. Therefore, the details of the new Mills established thereafter or the Mills which closed down are not known to this Ministry.

(b) to (f). The roller flour milling industry being de-controlled and de-licensed, the Central Government has no obligation to

supply wheat to the RFMs. There is, therefore, no question of allotments being made in favour of RFMs. The mills have to make their own arrangements for purchase of wheat from the open market and are free to sell the products at prevailing market prices. However, the FCI does occasionally sell some quantities of wheat in the open market, including to the REMs, if they have stocks over and above the requirement of the PDS in order to exert a healthy influence on the open market prices of wheat.

[Translation]

Industrial Growth Centres in Madhya Pradesh

4497. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the details of the Industrial Growth Centres set up in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up Industrial Growth Centres at Block level in the backward tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). Under the Growth Centre Scheme, Madhya Pradesh has been allotted six growth centres, locations of which have already been selected and announced. These are in the districts of Durg, Guna, Bhind, Dhar Raisen and Raipur. Among these, Durg, Dhar and Raipur are areas of tribal concentration. The selected Growth Centres would be provided with basic infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunication, roads, banks etc. at a cost of Rs.

25-30 crores each. The scheme would be implemented during the Eighth Five year Plan period.

Industrial Project of Madhya Pradesh

4498. SHRI MEDHADER KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of industrial projects of Madhya Pradesh pending for approval; and

(b) by what time these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) A total number of 198 applications for setting up of industries in Madhya Pradesh are at various stages of processing. As a matter of policy, the details of cases are not divulged till they are finally disposed of.

(b) Under the new industrial policy, the requirement of industrial licence has been done away with except for a short list of 18 industries which are under compulsory licensing. There are specified time limits for the disposal of applications for grant of industrial approvals. All steps are taken to ensure that the applications are disposed of within this time limit.

[English]

Allocation of Foodgrains to States

4499. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI HARIN PATHAK:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to